

*Homegoing Celebration
for
Linda B. Simpson-Hurd*

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." – *John 3:16*

SUNRISE
December 25, 1951

SUNSET
March 25, 2003



SERVICES HELD
MONDAY, MARCH 31, 2003 - 11:00 A.M.
NORTH RICHMOND MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
1427 Filbert Street • Richmond, California 94801

OFFICIATING
REVEREND RICKY DANNER

Obituary



Linda B. Simpson-Hurd was born in Martinez, California on Christmas Day in 1951 to the proud parents of McKinley and Doris Williams. She was raised in Richmond with her two brothers, Charles and McKinley, and three sisters, Jewel, Dorothy and Consuella. She accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at North Richmond Missionary Baptist Church. She attended local schools and graduated from John F. Kennedy High School. After graduating from high school, Linda attended Chico State University and later the University of California, Berkeley. She majored in international relations and later graduated from UC with a B.A. degree.

Linda was always a curious person and loved to travel and meet new people. She traveled to Africa, spending time in Nigeria, Kenya and Ghana. She also traveled to France, Mexico, and to several states in this country. Her gregarious personality and infectious love of life made it easy for her to meet people from different cultures and all walks of life. It was never a surprise when someone she had met on one of her trips returned to visit her at a later date.

In 1987, Linda decided that she wanted to make her hobby an occupation. She always had a gift for styling hair, so she returned to school to become a cosmetologist. Her new occupation led her to work in many of the popular hair salons in the area. She worked at New Era, Dare 2 B Different, Betty's En Vogue and Old School Barber Shop. She was known for her innovative styling and good-natured conversation whenever you visited her chair.

Linda loved God and served him faithfully as a member of the Independent Holiness Church where the Rev. Tommie Bradford is pastor. She was an active member of the Usher Board and the note-taker for her bible study class. Linda loved clothes and would always be dressed in a classy, stylish manner. She also had a passion for music and loved to hear good singing and music. Her love of music was apparent as she surrounded herself with it anytime you were in her home. She also encouraged her love ones to pursue their musical gifts by supporting them in their efforts.

Linda enjoyed life and lived it to the fullest. She was the entrepreneur, the adventurer, and the insightful thinker. To know her was to know many emotions. She made us laugh, she made us cry and she made us feel special. But most of all, she made us think! She was a loving mother, a supportive wife, a sister upon whom you could depend, an insightful aunt, and a faithful friend.

Linda departed from this earthly life suddenly. The family members left to celebrate her life and cherish her memory are her husband of 19 years, Edward Hurd Jr.; her son Hassan Hurd; two daughters, Shaheerah Simpson of Walnut Creek, CA, and Daná S. Ali of Sacramento, CA; two foster children, Laron Ryan and Terrance Rose; two brothers, Charles Williams of Richmond, CA and McKinley Williams (wife Gaye) of El Sobrante, CA; three sisters, Consuella Williams of Richmond, CA, Jewel Marie Danner (husband Elbert) of Vallejo, CA, and Dorothy Jean Baker (husband Charles) of Las Vegas, NV; grandchildren, Hakeem Ali, Sydnee Jasha Smith and Salana Olivia NaSheré Gaines; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Linda B., we love you and always will cherish the many wonderful memories you gave us.

Order of Service



PROCESSIONAL Family
Combined Choirs of Word of Life Baptist Church
and Independent Holiness Church of God in Christ
"He'll Welcome Me"

PRAYER Pastor C.W. Newsome

SCRIPTURES *Old Testament* Minister Frank Beck
New Testament Minister Melvin Williams

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS Tonyé Niweigha

READING OF OBITUARY AND POEM Ruby Bell

SELECTION Combined Choirs
"My Life is in Your Hands"

USHER RITUAL Combined Usher Boards of Word of Life Baptist Church
North Richmond Missionary Baptist Church
and Independent Holiness Church of God in Christ

EXPRESSIONS Carla Gaston, Sherry Andrews-Jones,
Leroy Thomas and Rachel Beck

WORDS OF COMFORT Pastor Tommie Bradford

EULOGY Pastor Carlton Leonard

PARTING VIEW Wilson & Kratzer Mortuary Staff

INTERMENT
ROLLING HILLS MEMORIAL PARK
Richmond, California

REPASS Dining Hall
North Richmond M.B. Church

My Journey Home

I wanted to call you on the phone
but I was preparing for my journey home.

You crossed my mind when the Lord came for me
but I'll see you later in eternity.

Think of me . . . when the wind blows, when you see snow,
breathe deep and know you meant so much to me.

Think of me . . . when babies cry and seagulls fly,
I'll be nearby in your memory.

Soon you may understand that my life was in His hands
and it didn't take long for Him to handpick me for my journey home.
- Rachel McGee Beck



Active Pallbearers

Jess Brown
Willard Brown

Christopher Valasquez
Damien Williams

Saeed Williams
Vincent Williams

Honorary Pallbearers

Algernon Alexander
Charles Baker

Elbert Danner
Gaylon Isadore
Marvin Whiteman

Tony Montgomery
John Reed



Acknowledgment

Perhaps you sang a touching song, or came and sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent lovely flowers; if so, we saw them there.
Perhaps you sent or spoke comforting words, or helped us to pray.
Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day.
Perhaps you prepared some tasty food, or maybe furnished a car.
Perhaps you rendered a service unseen, right here or afar.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We thank you sincerely – whatever the part.
- The Simpson-Hurd Family

ARRANGEMENTS

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